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3A, MONACO. Tom, HA/N9NC, will operate SOAB in the **CQWW CW Contest**. The operation is planned to begin **November 25th** or **26th**, closing immediately after the contest on **December 1st**. There will be some station testing activity on SSB and CW that will take place on 160-10 meters before the contest. Please QSL to OM2SA, Juraj Sipos, 930 13 Trhova Hradská 550, okr. Dunajská Streda, Slovakia. Please DO NOT QSL to N9NC's call book address. Questions/comments may be sent to: n9nc@westel900.net

3DA, SWAZILAND. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Jon, **3DA0CA** is active on Fridays and Saturdays at 1900z on 1827 kHz for Europe. QSL via W4DR.

4L, GEORGIA. Omari, **4L5O**, states that he will be active in the **CQWW CW Contest** as a low power Single OP/Single Band entry. Look for him on 3.5 MHz band. QSL ONLY via CBA. If anybody is interested in a contact with Omari, send a E-mail message to: 4l5o@caucasus.net

5V, TOGO. Remember to look for the Voodoo Contest Group to be active from here. Members G3ZEM, G4ZVJ and G3VMW plan to be active as **5V7ZM**, **5V7VJ** and **5V7SW**. During the **CQWW CW Contest** they will use the callsign **5V7A**. QSLs via homecalls. For more info, please refer to OPDX.273. The group will return to **Ghana (9G)** after the contest (**December 1-6th**).

6Y, JAMAICA. JT, K7CO will be active as **K7CO/6Y5** now **until December 1st**. Activity will be on SSB only on 160-10 meters (including the WARC bands). Suggested frequencies are: 1872, 3872, 7272, 14172, 14272, 21272, 28472 and 50172 kHz (WARC freq. were not specified). E-mail can be sent to him at: 6y5@vcr.com Also, a Web site is available for online logs and news at: <http://www.vcr.com/6y5/>

8Q, MALDIVES. Igor, UA9CDC, reports that he and 5 other UA9 operators (UA9CDV,

UA9CI, UA9CLB, UA9CKP and UA9CFF) are teaming up and are going to be active as **8Q7DV** from **Sun Island**. Activity should have already started and will last **until December 3rd**. Operations will be on all bands plus an entry as a Multi/Single in the **CQWW CW Contest**. QSL via UA9CI.

9M8, EAST MALAYSIA. Hans, DF5UG, is attempting to operate from **Pulau Satang (IOTA OC-165)** Island off the coast of Kuching, **Sarawak**, as **9M8QQ**. There are difficulties with permissions and access, so the operation is not certain. However, Hans is visiting the region and he will be trying to overcome these difficulties. If successful, he will aim to operate for two nights, **November 24th and 25th**. Meanwhile, look for Japanese operators JH3GAH, JR3WXA and JE5FLM to be active as **9M8TG**. Their activity will be mostly on 12, 17, 30, 80, 160 meters and RTTY before the **CQWW CW Contest**. Look for them during the contest as **9M8YY** using 15 meters only. QSL via JH3GAH.

A2, BOTSWANA. Charlie, W0YG, is now signing **A25/W0YG**. He will continue to operate **until about December 2nd**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters. QSL A25/W0YG via home call.

AT, INDIA. Dilip, VU2DPI, reports that the Government of India announced that, **up to December 31st**, all the Indian Hams can use the "AT" prefix instead of the usual VU prefix. The special prefix can be used by all the Hams of India to commemorate the **75 years of Amateur Radio in India**. Dilip gives the following example: VU2DPI will use the callsign as AT2DPI.

B1, CHINA. The Beijing DX Club will participate in a Multi-Multi operation during this upcoming **CQWW CW Contest**. They will set up two stations operating as **B1Z** on all bands from 160-10 meters. The operators will be BA1AA, BA1DU, BA1FB, BA1HAM and JA1BK. Other assistant members for this event will be BA1AJ, BA1KA and BG1CL.

BRAZILIAN ISLAND DXPEDITION. Look for **ZV3A** and **ZV3C** to be active **December 12-13th**, from **Gua'ba Arch.** (ed. Spelling is not current) DIB 73 (Not IOTA). Activity will be on SSB/CW and 20-40 meters. QSL via: Cx. Postal 2180, Porto Alegre/RS, 90001-970, Brasil, or Bureau.

C6, BAHAMAS. After signing C6A/N4RP for nearly two decades, Dick has just been granted the callsign **C6AKP**. He will air his new call for the first time during his operation from **Bimini Island (IOTA NA-48)** between **November 20th and December 2nd**, including a low-power all-band entry in the **CQWW CW Contest**. QSL C6AKP either direct to Dick's home QTH: (2805 Casita Way, Apartment 115, Delray Beach, FL, 33415) or via the W4 bureau.

CANCELLED OPERATION. Joergen, OZ8AE, informs us that his trip to **Greenland** from **November 11th through December 2nd** is now **cancelled**. He reports that he is in the hospital with severe pains in his back and hopes that the doctors will find out what is wrong.

CO, CUBA. Look for Ed, **CO2MA**, to use **CO0CW** in the **CQWW CW Contest** on 15 and 40 meters. QSL via P.O. Box 21056, Alamar, Havana 12500, Cuba.

F, TRISTAN ISLAND (France). Francis, F6HKS, will be active from this French island (counts only for the French Island Award DIFM as AT056) on **December 21st** from 1000-1600z if weather permitting, or on **December 23rd** same period.

FR/G, GLORIOSO. Zareh, VE2NW, received the following info from Jacques, FR5ZU, about his recent operation from Glorioso, as **FR5ZU/G**. He had trouble with his power supply unit. He was unable to use his transceiver, portable computer and camcorder. The logs ended up being taken on paper and will be forwarded to VE2NW as soon as he gets some free time. They are extremely busy right now with the Cyclone season. Jacques ended up using a battery from a tractor on Glorioso.

FR/T, TROMELIN. Henry, FR5ZQ, was reported active again as **FR5ZQ/T** during this past week. Activity was mainly SSB on 10 and 20 meters. Some 15 meters CW activity was reported. The length of his stay is unknown. QSL via home call.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Dave, DJ0PJ, will be active again in **December**, but will QRT while in Germany for Christmas. He will also be active again in **January** as **FY/DJ0PJ**. Suggested CW (QRP) frequencies are: 14060, 21060 and 28060 kHz. QSL via home call.

HC8, GALAPAGOS. Ted, **HC8K**, reports that he will be leaving for a short DXpedition Tuesday, November 24th. Activity will be mostly digital modes (RTTY/Pactor). There will also be a lot of 6 meters from a couple of Islands. The island of **Santa Cruz** will be activated first for a few days and then another island called **Floreana Island**. There will be two or three operators: HC8DH/Herbert, HC5AH/Jorge and HC5K/Ted; possibly HC3FD/ Fernando (NOT TOO SURE). The operation will take about 8 days with some interruptions during the travel and set-up. QSLs go direct to HC5K: P.O. BOX DX, CUENCA - ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA.

HP, PANAMA. The "DX News Letter" reports that DL2BAY and DL5XX will be on the air again as **3E1DX** during the **CQWW CW Contest**. QSL via N0JT.

HS98, THAILAND (Special Event). The Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) has been asked to provide back-up support to the Communications Authority of Thailand (CAT) for Telecommunications during the **13th Asian Games, December 6-20th**. A nation-wide network will be set up using HF (mainly 7060 Khz SSB) plus the 2 meters band, and packet for this purpose. The opening ceremony at the new Hua Mark Stadium on December 6th will be presided over by His Majesty King Bumipol (HS1A) who is also the Patron of RAST. A total of 43 countries will participate in the games. The special event callsign **HS98AG** will be used during the period to publicize the event. The QSL manager is HS1CKC.

LY60, LITHUANIA. There are about 20 LY stations active with the **LY60 prefix** to celebrate the **60th anniversary of the Lithuanian ARC** (LRMD). Also active is **LY60RMD** the LRMD HQ station.

PALESTINE. The "DX News Sheet" states that John, K4MM, reports that Palestine was granted an international dialing code and an amateur radio callsign prefix block at the recent ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Minnesota, USA, and could become a new entity when the callsign block is actually allocated.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- For those who have been asking, YES, logs are up on the WEB for the **BQ9P** operation

at: <http://www.qsl.net/bq9p/>

- **EX2M** has a new QSL Manager. It has been reported that "due to 'irregularities' with the previous manager leading to rejection by DXCC" a new manager was appointed. Send QSLs to W3HNK for EX2M contacts. His address is: Joseph L Arcure Jr, POB 73, Edgemont, PA 19028, USA.
- **JUST ANOTHER REMINDER.** HH2HM/F is **not** the QSL Manager for **BA4TB**. The correct manager is 9A2AJ. 9A2AJ is the QSL Manager for BG4TBD, BD4TB and BA4TB. QSL direct or via bureau (Tomislav Polak, P.P., 34551 LIPIK, Croatia).
- **FM5GU** and **FM5GU/I** QSL cards are to be QSLed via WA4JTK, direct only. FM5GU reports to OPDX that WA4JTK does not accept bureau cards.
- Effective the 1st of December, QSL Manager Alan, **VK4AAR**, will have a new mailing address of: Alan Roocroft, PO Box 421, Gatton, QLD 4343, Australia. QSL direct only to this new address for a FAST turnaround for the following stations: **V63PD, VK8AN, VK8AN/6, VK8MI, YJ8AA, ZK2JJ, ZK2PJ** and **VI0ANARE** (but ****NOT**** VK0ANARE). If anyone has sent to his old Dalveen address, it will reach him OK, so do not re-QSL, but please use the new address for all future correspondence.
- Robin, DU9RG, has informed OPDX that he is **no longer** the QSL Manager for **4G50N**. The cards for this contact can be sent via the bureau. All cards sent to him direct or via the bureau will be forwarded to the station in Naga City. Robin states he is not able to send out cards directly from his end as he has not received all the logs from the station. He has only the logs for the contacts made during the first week of operation (January, 1998). For those who have already sent the cards through him, there is no need to send another QSL as all cards, IRCs, green stamps, and SASEs have been sent to Naga City. He suggests to be patient.

SPECIAL PREFIXES. As reported by Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) from their Web site: "To commemorate the **75th anniversary of the first two-way trans-Atlantic exchange between Amateur Radio Operators**, the Industry Canada (Canada's FCC) has authorized the use of the following special callsign prefixes from **December 1st to December 31st** (normal prefix/special prefix): VE1 to **CG1**, VE2/**CG2**, VA2/**CF2**, VE3/**CG3**, VA3/**CF3**, VE4/**CG4**, VE5/**CG5**, VE6/**CG6**, VE7/**CG7**, VE8/**CG8**, VE9/**CG9**, VO1/**CJ1**, VO2/**CJ2**, VY1/**CK1** and VY2/**CK2**." "Help take note of a very special event in the history of International Amateur Radio, and work one of these prefixes...73" de Eddy, VE3CUI

T30/T31/T32/T33 NEWS (DL1VU trip). This information is courtesy of Tuck, KH6DFW (T32BI). Tuck has a daily schedule with Phil, T32O, who currently has DL1VU and DJ5IW (T32VU and T32IW) as guests at his QTH. Phil reports that Karl, DL1VU, will **not** be going to T31 (Canton Island) as previously announced due to transportation problems. The ship was already booked full except for deck passage, which Karl declined. He will instead go to **Tarawa (T30)** and then on to **Banaba Island (T33)**. He has confirmed transportation arranged to Banaba. The ship will proceed from Christmas Island to Tarawa via Washington and Fanning Islands. It is unknown if he will be able to operate from those IOTAs. A detour of this ship to Canton would have cost an additional 1500 USD, which Karl declined. The other operator, Gert, DJ5IW (**T32IW**), will remain at **Christmas Island until the first part of December**, when he will return to Germany. Phil does not have the exact dates at this time for Karl to be on Tarawa or Banaba.

TM, FRANCE. The LNDX reports to look for Jean Yves, F5HWB, to activate the special

event station **TM8UN** for the **French National Association for the Disabled** from **November 28th through December 6th**. QSL via F5HWP.

UA0, ASIATIC RUSSIA. Look for Yuri, **UA0SJ**, to be active in the **CQWW CW Contest 1998** from **Zone 18** as a Single Op/All Band (100 watt) entry. Please send QSLs for the contest and all QSOs direct only via: Yuri A. Maltsev, P.O. Box 2304, Bratsk, 665700, Russia

UP5/UP6, KAZAKHSTAN. Look for Yuri, **UN6P**, to be in the **CQWW CW Contest** as UP6P as Single Op/All bands entry. This callsign will also be used by him in other future contests. Also, Romeo, UN5PR, will be using the callsign **UP5P** in some future contests (but **not** in CQWW CW Contest). QSL for UP6P and UP5P are to be sent via UN5PR: Romeo Y. Loparev, P.O.Box 73, Temirtau, 472300, Rep. of Kazakhstan.

V85, PULAU MUARA BESAR (Brunei). By the time you read this **V85QQ** will be **QRT**. Activity from IOTA **OC-184** was by Hans, DF5UG, (assisted by Gary, V8GTW). QSL to DF5UG. LAST MINUTE UPDATE/WRAP-UP: Hans became active at 1200z **November 20th**. On arrival at the Island, he found it deserted. Previously, a few people had been living there. Luckily he had planned to be self-contained (Robinson Crusoe Style). He set up the station under an unused wooden shelter, and installed the vertical antenna supported by a bamboo pole on top of an old water tank tower. He has two 70 AH Car Batteries to drive the rig loaned by Gary, V8GTW. He plans to use one each night. He had food and water prepared for just two nights. He had to cocoon himself in the shelter with a mosquito net. Hans took a 2m rig with him hoping to keep in touch with mainland Brunei via the Saba Repeater. He can hear the repeater, but his transmitter failed. So, all contacts were via HF. "This is the picture behind the callsign HI" 73 de Ray, HS0/G3NOM. (ed. GEEE! The things we crazy DXers do to put a new one on the air!)

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. Vic, N4TO, is currently on **Middle Caicos** and will be there **until December 2nd**. Before and after the **CQWW CW Contest** he will use the callsign **VP5/N4TO** and will be active on all bands 160-10 meters including the WARC bands. Operation will be primarily CW. Vic mentions that he may also operate on 6 meters if an antenna is available. During **CQWW Contest** look for him to operate as **VP5M**. QSLs for VP5/N4TO and VP5M should be sent via N4TO.

WE STAND CORRECTED! In last week's bulletin, OPDX.383, under "IMPORTANT NOTICE AND REMINDER!", should have read "the U.S. Postal Service will increase their rate effective January 10, 1999, from 32 to 33 cents" (not January 1st). The actual announcement dated October 13th is as follows (TNX WE9V):

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Stamp News Release Number 98-113
USPS Web site <http://www.usps.com>

POSTAL SERVICE TO ISSUE RATE CHANGE STAMPS
"H" STAMP FEATURES UNCLE SAM HAT

WASHINGTON. Non-denominated "H" stamps will go on sale at post offices nationwide beginning November 9. The stamps are being issued to support new postage rates effective January 10, 1999.

XZ, MYANMAR. If you are not an OPDX InterNet Subscriber, you missed the special announcement/bulletin which stated that the Central Arizona DX Association and members of the **XZ1N** have extended their operating date to **December 14th** (not the 6th as first announced). The first group of operators have arrived and have began setting things up while doing some operating. The second group of operators will arrive on **November 27th**, just in time for the **CQWW Contest**. Dick, N6FF, reports that the "XZ1N is still in the process of putting up antennas. The 80M vertical should be up shortly. The 160M station is up and running. They made about 15 QSOs on 160M last night. Even with the beverage antennas they have considerable noise. They will be there for **almost 3 weeks**, so everyone who needs them should have an opportunity." QSL via W1XT. The XZ1N WEB site can be found at:
<http://ng7m.grq.com/~xz1n/>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

OPDX SPANISH WEB SITE. (provide by "QTC Magazine" and Tony Pernas, EA1CSI):

<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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